## CLAIMS

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- A compressed water-softening composition comprising at least one water-softening active and a blend of disintegrating agents comprising
  - (a) cross linked polyplasdone;
  - b) a water swellable cellulose and, oprionally,
  - (c) a water soluble salt.
- 10 2. A compressed water-softening composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the composition is substantially free of surfactant and/or bleach ingredients.
- 3. A compressed water-softening composition as claimed in claim 1 or 2 wherein the blend of disintegrating agents is present in an amount of up to 10% by weight of the composition.
- 4. A compressed water-softening composition as claimed in 3 wherein the blend of disintegrating agents is present in an amount of at least 0.1% by weight of the composition.
- 5. A compressed water-softening composition as claimed in any claim from 1 to 5 wherein the water-soluble salt has a solubility of at least 50g/100g of deionised water at 20°C.
- 6. A compressed water-softening composition as claimed
  in any claim from 1 to 6 wherein the water-swellable
  cellulose has a water uptake of at least 15g of

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deionised water at 20 °C per g of water-swellable cellulose.